

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 07-50

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Ethics of the State of Florida has been created to represent the people in assuring that public officers do not abuse trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Ron Pritchard served as a member of the Board of County Commissioners for Brevard County, and as such is subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and within the jurisdiction of the State of Florida Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Joint Stipulation with Mr. Pritchard, the Commission on Ethics concluded that Mr. Pritchard, violated section 112.3148(8), Florida Statutes, by failing to file a CE Form 9 disclosing the receipt of round-trip airplane transportation provided to him as a gift from a local business person; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2007, the Commission on Ethics entered its Final Order and Public Report recommending a civil penalty of \$100.00; and

WHEREAS, the Governor accepts the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report rendered January 31, 2007, and the incorporated Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order by the Commission on Ethics dated January 18, 2007;

NOW THEREFORE, I, CHARLIE CRIST, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order effective immediately finding that:

1. James Thomas Pritchard, violated section 112.3148(8), Florida Statutes, by failing to file a CE Form 9 disclosing the receipt of round-trip airplane transportation provided to him as a gift from a local businessperson.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$100.00 is imposed against Mr. Pritchard, which penalty shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a written statement made under oath by Mr. Pritchard that the penalty was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 20th day of March, 2007.

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE